

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Leopold Presser on March 6, 2009.

The claims have been amended as follows:

- In claim 1 line 3 —by an actuating pressure connection— has been added after "pressure";
- In claim 1 line 12 —the-- has replaced "an";
- In claim 1 line 16-17 ", said annular chamber including a connection to a working pressure line" has been deleted;
- In claim 3 line 2 —a— has replaced "the";
- In claim 4 line 2 —a— has replaced "the";
- In claim 6 line 2 —which controls an actuating pressure directed to an actuating pressure connection and— has been added before "which";
- In claim 6 line 9 —a— last occurrence, has been deleted;
- In claim 6 line 10 —the-- has replaced "an";
- In claim 6 line 13-14 (i.e. last 2 lines) ", said annular chamber including a connection to a working pressure line" has been deleted;
- In claim 10 line 2 —a— has replaced "the", first occurrence.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance: the combination of elements as claimed is deemed to be directed to an unobvious improvement over the invention patented by Dantlgraber. The limitation "the pressure chamber is connected by a counterpressure connection to the first pressure line, while also being **arranged separately from the actuating pressure connection**" (e.g. claim 1 line 11-12, emphasis added) is understood to mean that the pressure chamber is

arranged separate from the actuating pressure connection, not that the counterpressure connection is separate from the actuating pressure connection. This interpretation is supported by Applicant's remarks (page 6 line 3-5). Since the pressure chamber Dantlgraber is connected to the actuating pressure connection, it does not meet this limitation.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, preferably **accompanies** the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dan Lopez whose telephone number is 571-272-4821. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:00 AM –4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ed Look, can be reached on 571-272-4820. The official fax number is 571-273-8300. Any inquiry of a general nature should be directed to the Help Desk, whose telephone number is 1-800-PTO-9199.

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